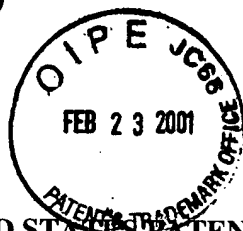


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment, and request entry thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 8 line 4, after 'Figure 1' insert - -A - 1C- -.

On page 8 line 5, after 'Figure 2' insert - -A - 2F- -.

On page 8 line 6, after 'Figure 3' insert - -A - 3X- -.

On page 8 line 8, after 'Figure 4' insert - -A1 - 4D4- -.

On page 8 line 9, after 'Figure 5' insert - -A - 5D- -.

Moreover, on page 8 lines 9 to 11, delete "is an immunofluorescence staining of AFP and ALB in
hepatic colonies. Figure 6".

On page 8 line 11, after 'the' insert - - absence and - -.

On page 8 line 12, delete "7" and insert in its place - -6A-6B- -.

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